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RE: HB 5951, An Act Concerning Jake Brakes

Please read this letter into the meeting transcript.

Dear Madam Chair/Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I urge you to pass **HB 5951, An Act Concerning Jake Brakes**, as proposed by Representative Aman, namely that the general statutes be amended to authorize municipalities to ban the use of compression release engine brakes and to enforce such ban through the use of appropriate signage.

I concur with the letter submitted by A.D. Macro, and commend Representative Aman on introducing this bill. Jake braking is not just a problem for our neighborhood, it is becoming recognized country-wide as a contributor to growing noise pollution which is disruptive not only to humans, but to wildlife as well.

Our community is an old one, full of historic structures, pasturelands and wildlife. The noise generated by jake braking on Route 5 is shattering the calm of our community and making it increasingly difficult to protect an historic area already dealing with encroaching traffic.

Thank you for helping to protect our town and our way of life.

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